

# OF NOTE

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## BLOOD

**United Blood Services, 768-1408, holds blood drives on Kirtland AFB at:**

★ Sandia National Labs **every Tuesday**, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

## BRIEFINGS

**All mandatory Suicide Prevention training is in the theater on:**

★ **May 26**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.

★ **June 9**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.;

**June 23**, 7 a.m.

## EDUCATION

**Scholastic Aptitude Test, June 10, 8:30 a.m., in Room 116B of the Education Center.**

The test is free and available to active duty military, Guard and Reserve personnel. Register at the Education Center and receive a registration bulletin and sample test. Call 846-9933 or 846-8955.

## EVENTS

**Asian American Pacific Islander Committee has meetings every Thursday, 11:30 a.m., in Building 20684, Room B101.** The Great Aloha Cookout is **May 25**, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Call Tech. Sgt. Ligaya White, 846-4225.

**8th Air Force Historical Society spring luncheon, June 5**, is 11 a.m. at Albuquerque Petroleum Club. Speaker is retired Maj. Gen. Donald J. Harlin, former chief chaplain. Call Al Schwery at 889-9418 for reservations due by **May 28**.

**Military Coalition monthly luncheon, May 22, Albuquerque Petroleum Club. Social is 11 a.m., lunch, noon.** Guest speaker is N.M. Air National Guard Brig. Gen. Annette Sobel, New Mexico director of homeland security.

**Technology Expo, May 26**, presented by Kirtland AFB and Sandia National Laboratories, is 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in the Ballroom and El Dorado Room at Coronado Club. See products of more than 35 leading manufacturers, developers and system integrators. Admission is free.

**The 229th birthday of the Army is celebrated with an Army Ball June 12**, at Albuquerque Petroleum Club, 500 Marquette Northwest, Suite 1500. Social is 6

p.m. with program and meal at 7 p.m. Guest speaker is retired Lt. Gen. Gordon Sumner. Tickets are \$35 for officers and civilians and \$25 for enlisted members. Contact Lt. Col. Post at 846-6611. Dress is blues or greens with bow tie for military and formal attire for civilians.

## FAMILY

**Pre-deployment briefings are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. or Thursday, 5 p.m., at the Family Support Center.** Call Master Sgt. Lloyd McKenzie or Jane Gates, 846-0741.

**Hearts Apart Family Arcade Night, tonight, 5 p.m., in the Consolidated Support Building, Room 120.** Families with deployed members can call Master Sgt. Lloyd McKenzie, 846-0741.

**Hearts Apart members visit Rio Grande Zoo, tomorrow or May 23.** Call 846-0741.

**Spouses corsage or boutonniere, May 27, at the Commissary while supplies last**, starting at 10 a.m. for Military Spouses Month.

## ODDS/ENDS

**Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation 5-kilometer fund-raiser run and walk June 13** is at the balloon fiesta park. Register at the Health and Wellness Center. Information is at [www.nmraceforthecure.com](http://www.nmraceforthecure.com).

**Volunteer Appreciation Month nominations are being accepted for the June 4 ceremony and cookout at the Rio Grande Community Center.** Call 846-0741.

**Memorial Day Ceremony volunteers are needed at the Veterans Memorial Park on Louisiana, 9 a.m.** Needed are 50-60 state flag bearers, 10 wreath bearers and escorts. Call Senior Master Sgt. William Cole, 853-5591.

**The Individual Equipment Unit relocated to Building 1015, 4200 Randolph Ave. SE.** Call 846-0075. For emergency requests for deployment issues, call Christine Schneider, 846-0135 or 991-0609.

**Computer class for military spouses, May-September, are offered in the Distance Learning Center.** Call 846-0741 or 846-0751 to register.

**Tobacco cessation program at the Health and Wellness Center, Building 20238 next to the East Fitness Center** is five-weeks. Group session includes understanding addiction, behavior and stress management, fitness, nutrition and relapse prevention techniques. Classes are **Wednesdays**, 11:30 a.m., and **Thursdays**, 5:30 p.m. Call 846-1186.

**Sponsor Training, May 25, is 10 a.m., in the Family Support Center.** Be the commander's ambassador, welcoming newcomers to the installation. Register four or five months in advance of newcomers' arrival and receive information from the Family Support Center for the job. Call 846-0741.

**Starting a Small Business Workshop, May 26, 9-11:30 a.m., in the Family Support Center.** Register at 846-0741.

**Welcome to New Mexico Tour, May 26, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., starting from the Family Support Center.** Register at 846-0741.

**Interviewing Skills Workshop, May 27, 8-11 a.m., in the Family Support Center.** Register at 846-0741.

**Home Sellers Seminar, May 27, 1-3 p.m., in the Family Support Center.** Register at 846-0741.

## PERSONNEL

**Air Force Reserve is an option for continuing your military career part-time while keeping most of your benefits.** Retraining maybe an option. Call Master Sgt. Vera Romano, 846-0544.

**The 377th Air Base Wing Inspector General office seeks an energetic, highly motivated senior noncommissioned officer for the position of Complaints and Inquiries superintendent.** Duties include receiving complaints, drafting allegations, conducting investigations, documenting findings, processing congressional inquiries and budget management. Application deadline is **today**. Interviews are conducted June 2-4 for the position that will be filled **July 19**. Call Rebecca Auringer or Col. William Cleckner, 846-2411.

**Thrift Savings Plan Open Season is through June 30.** Federal Employees Retirement System employees may contribute up to 14 percent of their basic pay and Civil Service Retirement System employees nine percent.

**Civil service employees performing military duty** are placed on Leave Without Pay-Uniformed Services unless the employee chooses to be separated. Submit a Request for Personnel Action, SF-52. For information, contact Alfreda L. Fain, 846-8953.

**Career job reservations are required for all first term Airmen during their designated window.** After **May 31**, members who are beyond their CJR window and do not have an approved CJR or an approved retraining on file will separate on their date of separation. Contact the Military Personnel Flight Reenlistments Office for more information.

## ROADS

**The Post Office vehicle mailbox traffic route has been reconfigured with directional arrows on the pavement to help customers safely handle their postal business.** The driveup mailbox is now located south of the building in the large parking lot adjacent to the Post Office and west of the Consolidated Support Building. An additional mailbox has been added. Access is from 2nd and 1st streets. Traffic through the Post Office remains one-way.

**Northbound Maxwell Street closed** between Aberdeen Avenue and Building 589, **through June 11.** The closure is during installation of gas lines.

## VOLUNTEERS

**Magicians and storytellers for the Library's Summer Reading Club, July-August**, are being recruited. Three acts suitable for children of all ages are needed for the Saturday program. Call Marla Sturdy, 846-1071.

**Volunteer escorts for Scout troops are needed to help scouts visiting Kirtland AFB while enroute to summer destinations.** Contact Kirtland AFB Scout liaison 1st Lt. Robert Hill at 846-5094.

**Helping Homeless Teens project**, through the Albuquerque Peace and Justice Center, provides toiletries, school supplies and first aid items for homeless teens. Donations are distributed through the Youth in Transition and Albuquerque Public Schools Title I. The collection is **through September**. Contact Bernice Reed, 846-2449.

**The Tribute to Women in the Military Committee needs an active duty woman senior officer for chairman, co-chairman and committee members for the 2005 event.** Call Marsha Thole at 856-3352 or Betty Brooks at 821-1092.

## PENTAGON CHANNEL

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Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Internal Communications Allison Barber explained that recent research showed that military members felt that they had adequate access to general news and information, but not enough access to military news.

"The important thing about the Pentagon Channel is it's information specifically geared to the military, and that's what our audience is looking for, because it's relevant, it's credible and it's important to their success."

Ms. Barber also pointed out that the operational tempo across the services further demonstrated a need for DOD leaders to be able to talk directly to the military audience, and that expansion was especially important for Guard and Reserve members and their families, who are the most isolated from DOD news and information.

In addition to 24-hour service, the Pentagon Channel is expanding its programming to include several new shows. "Around the Services" features news from each branch of the military. "Studio Five" showcases conversations with DOD leaders on a variety of topics, and "Focus on the Force" highlights military missions such as those in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"What we know to be true with our audience is that they needed more in-depth coverage of military news, so we structured programs to meet that need," Ms. Barber said. "'Studio Five' allows us to have an extended conversation with our military audience to explain such issues as pay and benefits or health issues. It will be an effective tool, because it tells the whole story from start to finish."

Pentagon Channel programming also will include top-of-the-hour news updates, broadcasts of the flagship television news magazine programs from each of the services, and DOD news briefings from the Pentagon and around the world.

Down the road, Ms. Barber said efforts will focus on expanding content.

"We feel like distribution of the Pentagon Channel is where it should be," she said. "But we will be working on providing more and different types of reporting. We'll be setting up news bureaus around the world, and we'll be embedding teams with the troops to get a first-hand look at their hard work. We're going to be creative and proactive about finding new ways to communicate to our military audience."

## Defibrillators save cardiac arrest victims

Sudden cardiac arrest can happen anywhere, to anyone, at any time, without symptoms and regardless of age or general health.

A leading cause of death in the United States, SCA claims approximately one life every two minutes and nearly 600 lives a day, totaling 250,000 people a year. Only five percent are likely to survive. That's more deaths than caused by house fires, prostate cancer, breast cancer, handguns, AIDS and automobile accidents combined.

Defibrillation is the only effective treatment for sudden cardiac arrest. It's most often successful when administered within the first few minutes of onset. Beyond 10 minutes, the victim's chance of survival is extremely unlikely.

Despite the best efforts of emergency services, they can't always reach victims in time, as traffic

### Kirtland AFB enters phase I of defibrillator deployment

Phase I of the automatic external defibrillator deployment for TEAM KIRTLAND includes installation-wide high traffic areas, public access facilities with high-risk populations as well as remote locations that would be difficult to access in an emergency.

Thirty-two units will be deployed in 21 locations (e.g., the Commissary, BX, clubs, gymnasiums and KUMMSC, to name a few).

Training on proper use of the automatic external defibrillators and the "chain of survival" will begin in June and is essential to obtain the skills needed to properly employ the devices that save lives.

congestion, multi-story buildings, secure access and other obstacles can impede progress. The good news is that a growing number of communities throughout the country are teaming up with their emergency medical service providers and establishing early defibrillation programs to improve the survival odds of citizens struck by sudden cardiac arrest.

By training citizen responders and placing automated external defibrillators in locations where people gather—of-

fice buildings, shopping malls, schools, community centers, sports complexes, senior centers, transportation terminals, parks and restaurants—many communities have achieved impressive results, with survival rates averaging 20 percent, and as high as 74 percent.

## Youth volunteer wins scholarship

Chrystel Corey is the 2003 Recipient of the \$1,000 Presidential Freedom Scholarship through Youth Programs at Kirtland AFB.

The award recognizes college-enrolled high school students for their outstanding community service. The juniors or seniors perform at least 100 community service hours in the previous year and are in the Air Force Youth Program.

Chrystel is the daughter of Christina Wells of the 377th Services Squadron and her fiancé, Lou Norris of the same squadron.

Chrystel also was selected as the 2003 and 2004 Youth of the Year. She performed more than 1,000 hours of volunteer service to her church, community and school, as well as to the youth programs and its school aged program.

## Kirtland Federal Credit Union wins Reserve Pro Patria Award

The New Mexico Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve recently presented the **2003 Pro Patria Award** to Kirtland Federal Credit Union.

The Honorable Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, Thomas F. Hall and N.M. Guard Adjutant General, Kenny C. Montoya, made the presentation during a recognition dinner.

"Pro Patria" is a Latin expression, meaning "for the nation." This award symbolizes the patriotism shown by adopting personnel policies that enable employees to fulfill National Guard and Reserve training and deployment obligations, thus contributing to the readiness and success of our nation's defense.

*Pro Patria* is the highest award given annually on a statewide basis to one employer that has demonstrated exceptional support of employee military reservists.